

**ANTIBODIES SPECIFIC FOR PAPILLARY  
FIBROBLASTS AS MARKERS FOR SKIN QUALITY**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Whether or not a sample of skin or of a skin equivalent contains  
5 such amount of a papillary fibroblast population as to be considered a normal skin  
is determined by labelling said skin or skin equivalent with at least one antibody  
specific for papillary fibroblasts and evaluating the extent of such labelling as a  
marker for skin or skin equivalent quality.